

Application No. 10/699,385
Response to Office Action of June 16, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0031] and [0043] with the following amended paragraphs. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1), the following replacement paragraphs show added subject matter (three insertions of "value" after "durometer") by underlining.

[0031] At the second end 272 of the first link 270, the first and second non-powered wheels 320, 325 are mounted to the body 275 for free rotation by an axle 340 and axle nuts 345. The non-powered wheels 320, 325 preferably are assemblies and comprise hubs 330 and tires 335. The non-powered wheel tires 335 are preferably pneumatic and preferably of a relatively high durometer value material, higher than the tires 150, 170 of the drive wheels 140, 160, to provide a coefficient of friction less than that of the tires 150, 170 and to thereby promote the ability of the tires 335 to skid across a supporting surface gripped by the drive wheel tires 150, 170 and thus enable the toy vehicle 10 to spin in place by driving drive wheels 140, 160 in opposite directions.

[0043] As is further discussed above, the first drive wheel 140 includes a hollow, air-filled tire 150. The first non-driven wheel 320 has a tire 335 which preferably has a higher durometer value than a durometer value of the tire 150 forming a part of the drive wheel 140. Preferably, when the wheels are in contact with a supporting surface, the first non-driven wheel 320 has a coefficient of friction less than a coefficient of friction of the first drive wheel 140. As illustrated in the drawings, for example Fig. 1, the first drive wheel 140 has a diameter larger than a diameter of the first non-driven wheel 320.